Dempsey's Record Compares Favorably With Those of Noted Boxers Who Held Title a Quarter of a Century Ago **DEMPSEY NOT AN**

in the ability of big Jess Willard to subjugate Dempsey at Toledo. There is also a tendency to disparage Dempsey in favor of his predecessors in the champlonship, Sullivan, Corbett, Fitzsimmons and Jeffries being held as greatly superior to the present title holder.

It is a reasonable proposition that a champlon's status is established by his performance against the best boxers of the period in which he holds title. Judged on-that basis, Dempsey must be conceded to possess remarkable ability, for he has shown overwhelming superiority over the best heavyweights of his time. Then comes the charge that Dempsey's opponents have been pugilists of small calibre. There is no more foundation for this statement than for the claim, following the Dempsey-Brennan bout, that Brennan had been underrated.

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It is impossible to arrive at an accurate conclusion as to the comparative merits of the heavyweights of a quarter of a century ago and the men of the

of a century ago and the men of the same class to-day.

Therefore, it is but just to rate a champion according to what he has accomplished against the best boxers of his time. Dempsey knocked out Willard, who had never been knocked down previously, was without doubt the most powerful man that ever entered the ring. He was stronger than even the adamanting Jeffries.

OF WINNING FIVE

Billy Lush Developing Strong

Squad—Swimming Veterans on Hand.

Dempsey has twice knocked out Brennan, who since last Tuesday night has come to be regarded as a very capable heavyweight. Dempsey has knocked out Miske, a very resourceful fighter, and has stopped a score of other heavies of more or less ability. It cannot therefore be denied that Dempsey stands at the head of all American heavyweights,

Sullivan's Status.

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simmons.

Sullivan met only two first class heavies in the ring—Charlie Mitchell and Jim Corbett. Both whipped Sullivan, but Mitchell, for a consideration, consented to a draw. The best man that Sullivan defeated was Jake Kilrain, a second rater, and it took Sullivan seventy-five rounds to finish the Balti-

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sen, but the negro, who was a powerful hitter and good boxer, was unable to reach Corbett with effective blows,
Corbett wore Sullivan down with jabs at a time when the former champion was on the down grade, but Corbett would have disposed of Sullivan at his best.

Tom Sharkey, Choynski, McCoy, Maher

OVERRATED BOXER

Present Champion Compares
Favorably With His Famous
Predecessors in Title.

VANQUISHED HIS RIVALS

Reversal of Form in Two Bouts
With Brennan Puzzles
Boxing Fans.

By CHARLES F. MATHISON.

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The contrast between the Milwaukee meaning to be proposed and possible chance against Dempsey in his bost form.

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Two World's Boxing Champions and Rivals Who Seek Titles



Pete Herman, bantam champion of the world, has finally decided to risk his title in a fifteen round bout to a decision in Madison Square Garden, accepting as his opponent Joe Lynch, who stopped Jack Sharkey

Jack Britton, welterweight champion of the world, is slated to meet Kid Lewis, former holder of the title, in a twenty round bout in London, England, the latter part of next month. Lewis has knocked out Basham, the English champion, twice, and hopes to beat Britton for the world's championship.

Congress Appropriates Large

MODERN SWIMMING WRESTLING ASSOCIATION DARTMOUTH OPENS

POOL FOR MIDDIES College Organization Has Ignored Application. pecial Desputch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.

Sum for Erection of Spacious Natatorium.

The special Despatch to The New York Heriald. Academy by the Intercollegiate Wrestling Association the midshipmen are showing their usual ectivity in the sport, and the prospects are for a reasonably interesting season. Not only has the Naval Academy been refused admission to the association up to this time but several of their most regular opponents of recent years have declined to make a date for the coming season.

To Compete With Amherst with the sport, and Brown Among Others.

Special Despatch to The New York Heriald. Hanover, N. H. Dec. 18.—Darkmouth's new \$130,000 swimming pool, which was dedicated on Wednesday of Springfield Y. M. C. A. College, left to the own with Amherst, left guard; by a few pecessary adjustments in the westleys, right guard: Boberts of Ammerst, left guard; by a few pecessary adjustments in the westleys, right guard: Boberts of Ammerst, left guard; by a few pecessary adjustments in the westleys, right guard: Boberts of Ammerst, left guard; by a few pecessary adjustments in the westleys, right guard: Boberts of Ammerst, left guard; by a few pecessary adjustments in the lineary. The call Despatch to The New York Heriald. Modelly, All-Connecticut guard of 1917, has selected an All-Connecticut valley football team for this season, and has placed three Wesleys and Brown Among Others.

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Annapolis, Dec. 18 .- In spite of the Gift of R. H. Spaulding Said

Naval Academy's prospects are particularly fine this year. They are being coached by Henry Ortland, Jr., formerly of New York city, to whom the academy largely owes its fine position in this sport. Most of last years' grown of a bantam champlon, and former world's bantam champlon,

CORNELL TO ASK FOR PENN HAS STRONG THREE MILE COURSE

Ithacans Believe Shorter Row- Regards Eddie Shields as Its ing Distance Should Be Given Fair Trial.

Special Despatch to The New York Hemald. Special Despatch to The New York Hemald. race, which the stewards adopted two bia in New York next Friday night. years ago, a fair chance.

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Reduction of the varsity course from four miles to three was one of the favorite hobbies of the late Charles E. Courtney, and the famous Cornell coach's agitation for this change is believed to have influenced the stewards to some extent at least in their decision to cut out tout the fourth mile. Courtney's views were law at Ithaca, and even though he is gone it is most likely that his pronounced opposition to the four mile course will have a powerful influence on Cornell's position and that Charles E. Treman, Cornel's member of the board of stewards, will be found voting in favor of the three mile event when the board meets early in the new year.

Cornell rowing fans had hoped that the three mile race might have had a test last spring, but when it was decided advance the date of the regatta and ow it on Cayusa Lake the stewards decided to reduce the course to two miles.

Rowing practice at Ithaca continues

ALL-CONNECTICUT VALLEY ELEVEN

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AQUATIC SQUAD

Most Likely Point Winner This Winter.

ITHACA, N. Y., Dec. 18 .- Although offl- PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 11 .- Led by Edcial comment on the proposal of Colum- die Shields, the former Mercersburg bia that the four mile varsity race be Academy swimmer and track star, Pennrestored at Poughkeepsie next spring is sylvania has laid plans for the indoor withheld, it is the general opinion in swimming season. Starting with an easy Cornell rowing circles that the Ithacans victory over the City College of New will not favor such a programme with- York the Red and Blue is now getting out at least giving the three mile varsity in shape for the dual meet with Colum-Shields holds the 220 yards intercol

test last spring, but when it was decided a dayance the date of the regatta and row it on Cayuga Lake the stewards decided to reduce the course to two miles.

Rowing practice at Ithaca continues and John Hoyle means to keep the varacombinations at it until the holf-recess, which egins next Wednesday. The most significant feature of the practice so far is that the crack freshman eight of last year. Coxwain Miler included, are rowing intact on the machine as one of the varsity combinations. This crew has esprit and morale to burn and its greatest ambition is to hold together and win the right to represent Cernell as the varsity crew next ear. Every man jack of this outht is a fighter and the slogan they have adopted is "Give us a chance at Syracuse."

The Cornell basketball team will open the intercollegiate season next Monday night in the new State armory with Princeton as their opponents, and a battle royal is looked for. The game will give some idea of the Tigers' strength as a league team; at the same time it will bring Cornell into action for the first time.

That the Princeton outfit is as strong if not stronger than last year is the judgment of Cornellians interested in this sport, but what Cornell has in the way of a team this winter is more or less of a mystery. The theacans have yet to play a game.

Judged by the makeup of the several teams that Coach Ortner has had working in practice games lately the Ithacams are likely to start out with a fairly veteran combination, with four of last time.

Cornell season at least. This group consists of Molinet, forward, and Rippe, capitain, centre, and Cornish and Sidmen guards.

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captain, centre, and Cornish and Sidman guards.

Cornell is going in for winter sports on a big scale, if the plans of the newly organized Cornell Winter Club materialize and the weather gods favor this section of the State with normal winter weather. Plans are on foot for the development of skilng, curling, snowshoeing, tobogganing and hockey and for a big winter carnival at the end of the first term in January. Meanwhile the varsity hockey squad has begun practice under Bawlf, the coach.

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VALLEY ELEVEN

Whitehill and Sweeney, Smith, Whitehill, and Sweeney, Smith, Swith State will be several preliminary games with some of the many teams that are now located at the Ice first intercollegiate contest will be with Yale here January 7. Fordham will be with Yale here January 2. The Army will be played at West Point February 5: Cornell comes here February 25, and Dartmouth the local attraction March 4. Penn is fortunate in having the use of one of the best ice skating rinks in the country. Practice is being held morning and afternoon several times a week.

FIVE DUAL MEETS FOR